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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a customer with Sonic in Northern California and am writing in support of maintaining broadband competition. As such I am urging you to refuse the move by AT&T and US Telecom as they petition you to remove access to unbundled network elements.

As a Sonic customer, I prefer to work with a small local provider--with very stable service as well as fantastic customer service, I might add--rather than one of the large monopolies. I was thrilled when Sonic came onto the internet scene several years ago in my area. They provided an alternative to AT&T and Comcast, the only two providers previously available, both of which were over-priced, unreliable, and provided terrible customer service.

This move by AT&T and US Telecom with their petition to remove access to unbundled network elements would deliver a critical blow to smaller companies such as Sonic that are trying to expand fiber deployment as well as their network. It would greatly harm Sonic and other small providers in other areas, further consolidating the monopolies of the big players. This is not to mention the price hikes that would inevitably occur as a result.

We, as consumers, WANT the competition--competition that results in both lower costs and a better product/service--and don't want to be forced to have to choose only between providers that provide over-priced, unreliable and customer-UNfriendly service. In the spirit of competition--competition for the greater good--please refuse this effort by AT&T and US Telecom to further consolidate their monopolistic power.

Thank you

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